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ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

Committee on Governmental Processes

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463), notice is hereby given of two meetings of the Committee on Governmental Processes of the Administrative Conference of the United States.

DATES: Tuesday, February 14, 1995, at 2:00 p.m., and Monday, March 13, 1995, at 12:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Office of the Chairman, Administrative Conference of the United States, Suite 500, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, D.C. (Library, 5th Floor).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah S. Laufer, Office of the Chairman, Administrative Conference of the United States, 2120 L Street NW., Suite 500, Washington, D.C. Telephone: (202) 254-7020.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee will meet to continue discussion of when federal government lawyers and other government employees may participate in public service activities. There are possible restrictions in the Code of Professional Responsibility, in agency regulations governing outside activities, and in government-wide rules concerning use of government instrumentalities.

Attendance is open to the interested public, but limited to the space available. Persons wishing to attend should call the Office of the Chairman of the Administrative Conference at least one day before the meeting. The committee chair, if he deems it appropriate, may permit members of the public to present oral statements at the meeting. Any member of the public may file a written statement with the committee before, during, or after the

meeting. Minutes of the meeting will be available upon request.

Dated: February 2, 1995.

Jeffrey S. Lubbers,
Research Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 95-008-1]

Availability of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has prepared an environmental assessment and a finding of no significant impact for the shipment and field testing of an unlicensed veterinary biological product. Risk analyses, which form the basis for the environmental assessment, have led us to conclude that shipment and field testing of the unlicensed veterinary biological product will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Based on our finding of no significant impact, we have determined that an environmental impact statement need not be prepared.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the environment assessment and finding of no significant impact may be obtained by writing to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Please refer to the docket number of this notice when requesting copies. Copies of the environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact (as well as the risk analyses with confidential business information removed) are also available for public inspection at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect those documents are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the reading room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Gary Nunley, State Director, Animal Damage Control, APHIS, USDA, PO Box 100410, San Antonio, Texas 78201-1710; Telephone: (210) 731-3451.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A veterinary biological product regulated under the Virus-Serum-Toxin Act (21 U.S.C. 151 *et seq.*) must be shown to be pure, safe, potent, and efficacious before a veterinary biological product license may be issued. A field test is generally necessary to satisfy preclicensing requirements for veterinary biological products. In order to ship an unlicensed product for the purpose of conducting a proposed field test, a person must receive authorization from the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

Rhone Merieux, Inc., and the State of Texas propose to distribute 850,000 coyote baits laden with an experimental recombinant rabies vaccine in a 13,000-square-mile area stretching from Maverick County, at the Mexican border, to Calhoun County, on the gulf coast. This would allow the State of Texas to continue the efficacy portion of the ongoing field project initially approved by APHIS in 1993. The specific objective of this proposal is to evaluate the efficacy of the experimental vaccine in maintaining a barrier of immunized coyotes to prevent the proliferation of coyote rabies.

In determining whether to authorize shipment and field testing of the unlicensed veterinary biological product referenced in this notice, APHIS conducted risk analyses to assess the product's potential effects on the safety of animals, public health, and the environment. Based on the risk analyses, APHIS has prepared an environmental assessment. APHIS has conducted that shipment and field testing of the unlicensed veterinary biological product will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Based on this finding of no significant impact, we have determined that there is no need to prepare an environmental impact statement.

An environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact have been prepared for the shipment and field testing of the following unlicensed veterinary biological product: